

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

**DATE: 18 September 2013**

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation  
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 68, Conference Room  
68-1 Cranston, RI 02920**

**TIME: 9:00 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Christopher A. Duhamel, PE, PLS,  
(arrived at 9:20 AM) Vice Chairman Wayne Moore, PE, Secretary  
Farhoumand, PE and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and  
Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Neena Savage, Esq., Chief of Legal Services  
((arrived at 9:13 AM left at 10:20 AM)  
Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant**

**CALLED TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM to commence Board business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**(1) Acceptance of the 28 August 2013 minutes of the meeting.**

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the 28 August 2013 Board meeting. Mr. Ihenacho seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors one absent. Voting in favor were, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members. Chairman Duhamel was absent from this vote.

**(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to convene into executive session at 10:10 AM pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-(5)(a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, four in favors and one absent. Voting in favor were, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members. Chairman Duhamel was absent from this vote

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**Secretary Farhoumand moved to adjourn from executive session and**

to reconvene to open meeting at 10:10 AM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members.

Secretary Farhoumand moved to seal the minutes of the executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4 and §42-46-5 and to record the votes taken in executive session in accordance with RI General Laws, §42-46-4 as follows: “Old Business” (A) P2012-6 , (B), and (E) continued (C) and (D) were closed. “New Business” (F), (G) were closed. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Chairman Duhamel voted, “I”, Vice Chairman Moore voted, “I” Secretary Farhoumand voted “I”, Mr. Aldinger voted “I”, and Mr. Ihenacho voted “I”. In Executive Session pending matters, there are (3) pending matter.

### **(3) Professional Engineering Rules and Regulations**

The Board members reviewed a final draft prepared by Vice Chairman Moore. Several changes were made and he will meet with Attorney Savage to review and finalize the revised draft. This matter will be continued to the October meeting.

### **(4) Joint Informational Bulletin**

The Board reviewed changes to the joint information bulletin prepared by Chairman Duhamel. These changes were sent to the

**Board of Registration for Professional Land Surveyors for their review and comments.**

**APPLICATIONS:**

**(5) Michael Nakhla, PE**

**Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to approve Mr. Nakla's application for registration by comity in the Mechanical discipline. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members.**

**P.E. COMITY:**

**Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to grant comity to the following individuals in the disciplines specified. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members.**

**Castaneda, Jamie A. AR Elec. Renken, Ryan C. MO Mech.**

**Conway, Steven J. MO Elec. Schluterman, Greg AR Mech.**

**Farrington, Lynn B. ME Civil Strand, Erik NH Civil**

**Grendzinski, John E. IL Civil/Struc. Vanags, Alan K. CT Elec.**

**Huey, Steven M. MO Civil Werner, Gregory MA Envir.**

**Kelley, Shawn P. PA Struc. Wujek, John J. IN Elec.**

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## **P.E. COMITY DENIED:**

Vice Chairman made a motion to deny comity to Michael Benjamin and Hamid Farzam based on the fact that in accordance with the Board's law they do not meet the Board's educational requirements. The law specifically requires an EAC/ABET accredited four year degree in engineering. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members.

Benjamin, Michael

Farzam, Hamid

## **C.O.A. APPLICATIONS:**

Vice Chairman Moore made a motion to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 18 September 2013 list for Sole Proprietorships, Corporations, Limited Liability, Partnerships and Change in Responsible Charge, as noted in the specific disciplines mentioned with no exceptions. None were denied. Mr. Aldinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members.

## **CORPORATION**

**DUNHAM ASSOCIATES      ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL**

**GLENCO, INC. CIVIL**

**LIM CONSULTANTS, INC. STRUCTURAL**

**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

**AMERICAN ENVIR. GROUP, LTD, LLC CIVIL**

**RICHARD CONGDON & ASSOC.,**

**COA#5286 MCFARLAND-JOHNSON, INC.**

**ADDING, PE# 9966 BRIAN BENNETT IN RESP. CHARGE AND  
REMOVING CARL TORTOLANO FROM RESP. CHARGE.**

**The next Board meeting is scheduled for 16 October 2013 at 9:00 AM. Secretary Farhoumand made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 AM. Vice Chairman Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, five in favors. Voting in favor were Chairman Duhamel, Vice Chairman Moore, Secretary Farhoumand and Messrs. Paul B. Aldinger, PE, PhD, and Ferdinand Ihenacho, PE Board Members.**

**Posted on 18 November 2013 electronically on Secretary of State's Office website. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-6(b), business not included in this notice may be considered with the consent of the majority of the members, and/or may convene into Executive (closed) Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Sec. 42-46-5.**

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